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WSGA Amateur Champion

 Calynne Rosholt successfully defended her Women’s Southern Golf Association Amateur Championship Friday morning with a 5&4 win over Hannah Berman. Lockwood Folly Country Club in Holden Beach, NC was the site of this year’s championship, which featured some outstanding golf played by top amateurs from throughout the South.

 Rosholt, a 16-year-old from Cedar Park, TX, came into match play as the #4 seed after shooting a 73 in the qualifying round. Berman was the #7 seed following her 74 in the qualifier.

 The winner opened match play with a 2&1 win over Elizabeth Caldarelli. Her toughest match came in the second round when she had to play 25 holes before defeating Abbey Daniel of Covington, LA. She followed that up with a 5&4 win over Ole Miss player Kennedy Swann and a 1-up win over Megan Schofill. Schofill will join the Auburn golf team in the fall.

 Berman, a Ponte Vedra Beach, FL resident, plays at Jacksonville State. She opened play with a 2 up win over Katharine Patrick and followed with a 19 hole win over Riley Smyth. She then recorded a big 1-up win over one of the tournament favorites Lauren Greenlief of Virginia, a former USGA Mid-Amateur Champion. Berman defeated Emma Whitaker in the semifinals 1 up to get a spot in the championship match.

 In the Consolation of the Championship Emily Hawkins of Lexington, NC, defeated Britta Snyder of Ames, Iowa 3&1.

 UNC Wilmington golfer Amy Wooten defeated Murray State golfer Anna Moore 2 up in the Amateur First Flight Championship.

 In the First Flight Consolation Finals LSU golfer Alden Wallace of Shreveport, LA defeated Carson Roberts 3&2. Roberts, who is from Dalton, GA, plays at the University of North Georgia.

 Co-Medalist honors in the Southern Amateur went to Rachel Kuehn of Asheville, NC and Lauren Greenlief of Ashburn, VA, who both fired an impressive 69 in the qualifying round.

 One of the highlights of the week was a hole-in-one for LSU golfer Mary Chauvin. She recorded her first-ever ace in Tuesday’s opening round of match play on #11. She used an 8 iron on the 147-yard Par 3.

 Outgoing WSGA President Janie Carpenter and board members who ran the championship had a lot of help from Lockwood Folly Head Professional Eric Morgan and a group of some 85 local volunteers.